



STATE REPRESENTATIVE **DAN DEASY**

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN, HOUSE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Or by appointment.

HELLO NEIGHBOR,

I hope 2024 finds you and your family doing well.

We had a very busy 2023 in the state House, and this newsletter will break down some of the highlights. I hope you find it informational.

Child care, senior tax relief and education dollars all played a role in the 2023 legislative calendar and are issues residents in the 27th Legislative District contacted me about throughout the year. I will continue to work on issues that make the lives of our residents better and work to bring state government programs to you.

If my office can assist you with any state government issue, please don't hesitate to call (412) 928-9514 or stop by at 1074 Greentree Road. I also have a satellite office in the Scott Township Municipal Building at 301 Lindsay Road that is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment as needed.

I hope to see you around the district in 2024!

YEAR IN REVIEW

The most important aspect of my role as state representative is the connection I can make for residents in my district with state government agencies and programs. I am proud to provide a snapshot of that work from 2023 in the graphic. More details on dollars coming back to the district can be found on Pg. 5.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 27TH DISTRICT

MOBILE DISTRICT OFFICE EVENTS

To ensure your access to state government, I often take my district office on the road and into our communities. You will be able to receive help with the same state government programs you receive in my brick-and-mortar office. Some of those services include:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications
- Unclaimed Property
- PACE/PACENET
- Driver's License & Vehicle Registration renewals
- Renewing PRT Senior ConnectCards
- **Any matter with your state government**

Wednesday, March 6

Scott Twp. Municipal Building

301 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA 15105

We will extend our Scott Twp. satellite office hours to be open from

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Thornburg Community Center

545 Hamilton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Rosslyn Farms Community Center

400 Kings Highway, Carnegie, PA 15106

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Rep. Deasy's Green Tree Office

1074 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

We will extend our Green Tree district office hours to be open from

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Heidelberg Community Center

1639 E. Railroad St., Heidelberg, PA 15106

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Ingram Borough Building

40 W. Prospect Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

APRIL 2024

Thursday, April 11

Landlord & Tenant Workshop with Magisterial District Judge Jack Kobistek

Crafton Borough Community Room

100 Stotz Ave., Crafton, PA 15205

5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

License Plate Replacement

Ingram Borough Building

40 W. Prospect Ave., Ingram, PA 15205

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Scan the QR Code to the right to register



Saturday, April 27

FREE Shred and Medication Take-Back Event

Crafton Park

167 W. Steuben St., Crafton, PA 15205

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Or until the trucks are full

MAY 2024

Saturday, May 11

FREE Shred and Medication Take-Back Event

Green Tree Park

905 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Or until the trucks are full

For information on our upcoming events, please call the office at (412) 928-9514.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

IMPROVED PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATE PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program is getting better for thousands more Pennsylvanians thanks to legislation we passed last year – the first program expansion since 2006.

Starting in 2024:

- The income limit to qualify for rebates is raised to \$45,000 for both homeowners and renters.
- The income cap will keep pace with inflation.
- The maximum rebate increases from \$650 to \$1,000.

These much-needed increases will help more than half a million older people and people with disabilities, both renters and homeowners, stay in their homes and communities.

CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT INCREASED

Families who qualify for the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit are eligible for the state tax credit, which was previously equal to 30% of the federal credit.

Pennsylvania will now provide a 100% match to the federal tax credit. Families will see their state tax credits more than triple.

- It's money back for child care expenses.
- It's money back for dependent care expenses.
- And: if you qualify, you'll receive the money after you file your 2023 tax return in a few weeks.

If you qualify for the federal credit, you qualify for the state credit.

- The one child credit of \$180 goes up to as much as \$1,050 depending on household income and expenses.
- The current two-or-more children credit of \$360 goes up to as much as \$2,100 depending on household income and expenses.

Contact my office for help determining eligibility or with any questions on PTRR or the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit.



Rep. Lindsay Powell and State Fire Commissioner Tom Cook attended my grant workshop for fire departments in Green Tree.



I co-hosted a workshop with Magisterial District Judge Craig Stephens to help landlords and tenants.



Ingram Council President Sam Nucci discusses Foster Park improvements with funding I helped to secure.



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FROM 2023

Below is a list of some of the bills that I co-sponsored and that are important to residents of the 27th Legislative District based on feedback I received during the year. I hope that some of these bills will make their way through the process and become law before the end of the current legislative session – which is Nov. 30, 2024. (Please note Act 13 and 14 are the two exceptions, as they have already been signed into law).

Please call my office if you would like to know the status on any of these initiatives.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

H.B. 950 would guarantee workers the right to organize and collectively bargain in the commonwealth. Currently, the Pennsylvania Constitution does not guarantee workers that right.

H.B. 760 would update the unemployment compensation system by providing working Pennsylvanians injured on the job options to receive their benefits via direct deposit. Currently in Pennsylvania, the workers' compensation system is still dependent on mailing physical checks, leaving these payments vulnerable to delays or misplacement.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

H.B. 636, known as the Pay the Price You See Bill, would mandate fee transparency in all advertised pricing for goods and services sold in the commonwealth. Consumers get hit with "junk" fees at the end of a transaction and they are inherently deceptive and should not be allowed.

H.B. 828, known as the Stop Price Fixing Act, would enable the state attorney general to prosecute individuals and businesses that collude to artificially raise the prices of goods and services.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. 1302 would require the PA Department of Environmental Protection to forward notices of noncompliance issued by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for violation of the state and federal law to the municipality where the violation occurred.

H.B. 1474 would add electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects as an eligible project type under the C-PACE program. This would help businesses that want to make these types of investments and continue our progress in developing statewide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

H.B. 1476 would impose a two-year moratorium on the issuance and renewal of certain air permits related to cryptocurrency mining. The moratorium would apply to permits for electric generating facilities that provide behind-the-meter electricity to crypto mining operations that use proof of work authentication. The bill would also require the PA Department of Environmental Protection to conduct an impact study on cryptocurrency mining and create reporting requirements for cryptocurrency operations.

VETERANS

Act No. 13 of 2023 (H.B. 404) allows members of the military to keep current licenses, registrations, and certifications from the Department of Health – such as EMS – from meeting requirements of continuing education or in-service training while serving. At discharge they have one year to renew, or the agency must determine if the licensing requirements have already been met through experience, training etc. or if those requirements can be waived.

Act No. 14 of 2023 (H.B. 804) ensures that military families are guaranteed Pennsylvania in-state tuition rates as soon as a student submits the enrollment deposit, even if a parent (parents) are reassigned out of state.

H.B. 1963 would make it explicit that spouses of veterans are entitled to receive veteran's preference death certificates, which are free.

\$7.8 MILLION CAME BACK TO THE DISTRICT FOR PROJECTS IN 2023

Bringing state dollars back to the 27th Legislative District is an integral part of what I do as your state representative. Local programs are a vital source of meeting needs for residents, and I am focused on making sure the 27th District gets its fair share of funding for those programs.

Projects range from the fresh fruit and vegetable program for local schools to a municipal storm sewer project. These are all important projects to our local landscape.

Below is a list of just some of the projects funded in the last year –

- City of Pittsburgh Neighborhoods – Funding for the West End and Mt. Washington Healthy Active Living Centers, tax credits for Mt. Washington CDC and Global Links, funding for building repairs for Pittsburgh Musical Theater.
- Crafton – Funding for streetscape project including new lights, landscaping, and EV charging stations.
- Green Tree – Trumbull Drive Bridge Replacement and pollution reduction plan funding.
- Heidelberg – Funds to replace aging dump truck used for snow removal and hauling community refuse.
- Ingram – Funding for Foster Park, updated traffic signal at Ingram Ave & Prospect Ave as well as funding for traffic calming initiative along Ingram Avenue.
- Rosslyn Farms -- Funding to rehab Parrish Park and new storm sewer funding.
- Scott – Storm sewer improvements and funding for new Public Works storage facility.
- Thornburg – Funding for sanitary sewer system rehabilitation and sidewalk replacement projects.

For a complete list of projects funded since January 2023, visit my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy.



Meeting with residents at the Mt. Washington Healthy Active Living Center.



Visiting Parrish Park with Rosslyn Farms Mayor Isabel Ford and Councilmen David Robb and Jonathan Glance. I fought for state funding to get upgrades for the park.



I presented a Legislative Citation to Terry Wirginis, Gateway Clipper Fleet owner and CEO, to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Gateway Clipper. The great rivers in Pittsburgh would not be the same without this vessel and the entire fleet.

NEW OFFICE LOCATION BUT COMMITMENT TO THE WEST END REMAINS

Working with Pittsburgh Regional Transit to keep the ConnectCard Vending Machine in the West End

While my office has relocated to Green Tree because of reapportionment, my commitment to the West End has not wavered. In 2017, I worked with the Port Authority (now Pittsburgh Regional Transit) and pushed to have a Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) located outside of my West End office to ensure bus riders would be able to get a bus pass and reload their bus pass right in the neighborhood.

When my office had to relocate last year after reapportionment and PRT was going to remove the TVM, I got to work on finding a way to keep the machine in the West End. I contacted PRT and the Carnegie Library system to advocate for the machine to be placed near the Carnegie Library-West End Branch. I am optimistic that we can reach an agreement to keep the machine in the neighborhood as PRT, the Carnegie Library and I are all committed to serving the West End Community. Stay tuned for more information in my weekly email updates.

If you are not receiving my updates, please visit my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy to sign up today!





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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax and Rent Rebate.
- PACE prescription drug cards for senior citizens.
- Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- Unemployment, disability or workers compensation.
- Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments or milestones.
- Pennsylvania income tax problems.
- Problems or questions about PennDOT – car registrations, special tags, disability parking placards, titles and driver's license applications.
- Consumer complaints.
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC.
- Assistance with Pittsburgh Regional Transit ConnectCards for seniors.
- **Any matter with state government. Call (412) 928-9514 to make an appointment.**

